ROAD FORCE BILL ARCUSES CEBATE

Withers Describes Davis Company, Which Holds Contract, as Vampire.

MILITARY BILL STRIKES A SNAG

Folkes Declares Discrimination Is Made Against Artillery, and Sale Denies Charge-Child Labor Fight On Before Committee-Hearing on Whiskey Bills.

s passage. But the Senate voted to recommit. Several minor bills were considered in both houses, but the depressing ef-fects of recent and pending contro-versies were clearly apparent.

Rhea Inquiry. The Rhea investigation in the Senate

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The Rhea investigation in the Senate chamber at night dragged its weary length along until Judge Rhea himself took the stand. No new evidence of importance was introduced. The Scott county ballot was the subject of much solicitude, but it still remains an orphan, as its parentage has not yet been established. Indeed, its legitimacy has been seriously questioned.

There was considerable evidence as to the several irregularities at the election in 1900, but Judge Rhea's participation in them was not shown.

The presecution asked for time to summon other witnesses, and it was granted. After some witnesses had testified to Judge Rhea's high standing in his section of the Sate, it was admitted by the prosecution that other witnesses who had been summoned would testify to the samesffect. About 10:30 P. M., Judge Rhea took the stand in his own behalf. His demeanor was calm and his testimony was given deliberately and concisely. He denied the statement of a previous witness that he had had any connection with the Bristol census, or had advised any one to count persons as they came out of a theatre. He disclatmed any knowledge or approval of the Scott county ballot, which he said lost him many woise. He went into the Jordan case and explained that the evidence for the prisoner showed a case of self-defense, and tho conviction was, therefore, set aside. The prisoner, he said, had been set free because the attorney for the Commonweal h had said that no new evidence could be biddued, and that a no not perfect the discretion with the fairlying of returns or the forgery of certificates of circulon, when he said when the committee for certificates of circulon, when he said had been set free because the attorney for the Commonweal h had said that no new evidence could be biddued, and that a no not perfect the county with the fairlying of returns or the forgery of the certificates of circulon, when the fairlying of returns or the forgery of the privace in the fairly had concluded that it he hearing will be conclu continued on Third Page.)

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SESSIONS OF TWO HOUSES

Lively Debetes on Both Sides Arouse Separate Department of the Board of Pisherles.

Speaker Byrd called the House of Delegates to order promptly at noon Prayer was offered by Delegate Stephen Henry Love, of Lunenburg. Reports

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LAID WASTE BY TORNADO

BIG FIRE IN BLUEFIELD

DUBLIN JEWEL CASE SEQUEL

HAD ROUGH TIME IN STORM

suffered severely in the gale of Jan-uary 23d. Two hours after the Biera-wa took off the captain and crew she transferred them to the steamer Earl of Carrick, which landed them at New-port News.

The Bierawa, having suffered severe-ly herself from the bad weather en-

ly herself from the bad weather en-countered after leaving Newport News, made this port to effect necessary re-pairs to her machinery.

NOT TO NAME RECEIVER

Judge Pritchard Will Only Consider Question of Jurisdiction.

IX PERSONA JESTIER, MANY INJURED AND BURKE NOT INSANE, BOTH SIDES CHEER EXPERT DECLARES WORDS OF PRESIDENT

Superintendent of Hospital Expresses Opinion Contrary to Dr. Hodges.

The Times

PUSTMASTER AND OTHERS ON STAND

Fine Point Raised by Counsel for Defense to Be Passed Upon by Judge Waddill This Morning-Case Will Go to Jury To-Day.

tailed the circumstances of Burke's arrest, and said he thought him entirely normal on that occasion.

Mr. Talley object to the use of the word "detective" in speaking to Mr. Barkley. The court ruled that the duties of a post-office inspector are well known, and that the detection of come in the past-office is a worse incl.

orime in the post-office is a mere inci-dental part of his work.

The clerk of the court, Mr. Joseph Frady, who is also the United States commissioner for this district, was sworn He stated that Burke had very little te say when brought before him.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., January 31.—In the United States Circuit Court to-day argument was still proceeding before judge Pritchard on the question of jurisdiction in the South Carolina dispensary case of Fle schman & Company against the State Dispensary Commission for the appointment of a receiver to take over the affairs of the old dispensary board and dishues had also been sagnist the dispensary.

Judge Pritchard has announced that he will not appoint a receiver. He is, however, hearing argument on jurisdiction. If he assumes jurisdiction a master will be appointed to take testimony and sift the charges of fraudiand collusion.

The hearing has been marked by criminations and recriminations and repropositions and reproductions and conspiracy involving the old dispensary commission.

HIS VESSEL FORFEITED

Democrats Lead in Ap. After Twelve Hours of plauding Message on Labor and Capital.

STABS AT TRUSTS **EVOKE OUTBURST**

Most Radical State Paper of Modern Times Arouses Greatest Demonstration Ever Known-Advises Further Legislation to Remedy Evils.

Urges Upon Congress

The immediate re-enactment of the employers' Hability act, Huilling

the employers limiting at scope.

Passage of a comprehensive act providing for compensation by the government to employes injured in its service.

Action in connection with the "ahuse of injunctions in labor cases," Action to secure hetter courted over business concerns engaged in luterstate commerce.

A certain measure of Federal control over physical operation of rail-ways.

Ways.
Forbidding use of mails and telegraph and telephone lines for gambling in stocks and futures.
Full power to the Department of Justice to deal with great corporations.

JURY IS NOT AGREED AS TO THAW'S GUILT

Conference, Court Adjourns for Night.

LITTLE HOPE OF GETTING VERDICT

Persistent Rumor, Which Coun sel Seem to Believe, of Hopeless Division-Jury Said to Stand Eight to Four. Third Trial Is Probable.

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OPERATOR SHOT BY NEGRO

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Bonnie Mugee Killed in Cold Blood

KEEP UP THEIR TACTICS

MANILA AND NOT SUBIG BAY

RHEA ON STAND DENIES CHARGES

Makes Calm and Deliberate Statement as to His Record in Southwest

COUNSEL SPRANG GREAT SURPRISE

People Were Leaving Room, When Announcement That the Principal Would Testify Caused Small Sensation. More About Scott County Ballot.